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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OPENING OF ENMOD CONVENTION

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1. IN RESPONSE TO APRIL 21 DISCUSSION WITH AMBS. YOUNG AND TROYANOVSKY, SYG WALDHEIM AND SECRETARIAT HAVE INFORMALLY INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED WITH OPENING OF ENMOD CONVENTION IN GENEVA ON MAY 18. HOWEVER, BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION, SYG'S OFFICE HAS MADE A LOW-KEY INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO DELAY SIGNATURE AND OPENING CEREMONY BY ONE DAY, TO MAY 19. WALDHEIM WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO ATTEND CEREMONY, BUT MIGHT BE UNABLE TO DO SO ON MAY 18 SINCE HE HOPES TO BE IN AMPUTO FOR APARTHEID CONFERENCE JUST BEFORE THEN AND WOULD BE UNABLE TO RETURN TO GENEVA IN TIME. IF ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO DELAY SO THAT WALDHEIM COULD ATTEND, HE WOULD ALSO HOPE TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY AND BROMYKO FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ON POSSIBILITY OF ONE-DAY DELAY ASAP.
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3. AS SOON AS DATE SETTLED, SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE NOTE TO ALL UN MEMBERS INFORMING THEM OF PLANS AND TRANSMITTING OFFICIAL COPIES OF CONVENTION IN ALL SIX LANGUAGES. AS THIS SHOULD BE DONE AT LEAST THREE WEEKS BEFORE OPENING, NOTE WILL HAVE TO BE CIRCULATED THIS WEEK.

4. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SOVIET DEPUTY PERMREP OVINNIKOV SUGGESTED TO AMB. LEONARD APRIL 26 THAT US AND SOVIET MISSIONS ASK FINNISH AMB. PASTINEN TO CONVENE AN INFORMAL MEETING OF COSPONSORS OF LAST YEAR'S ENMOD RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO URGE THEM TO SIGN THE CONVENTION AT EARLY DATE. LEONARD AGREED TO REPORT SUGGESTION, BUT EXPRESSED PERSONAL DOUBTS THAT THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF US AND USSR MADE PRESENTATIONS IN CAPITALS OF POTENTIAL SIGNATORIES ONCE DATE IS ANNOUNCED.

5. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE ASKING PASTINEN TO CONVENE MEETING WOULD BE A BAD IDEA, SINCE IT WOULD REVIVE MEMORIES OF THE BITTER FIGHTING OVER THE RESOLUTION LAST FALL. (PASTINEN, IN ANY EVENT, MIGHT WELL DECLINE.) WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT COULD INDICATE WHETHER PRESENTATIONS TO SELECTED CAPITALS ARE PLANNED: IF SO, WE WOULD SUGGEST TO SOVIETS THAT THEY COORDINATE EFFORTS THROUGH DEPARTMENT. END COMMENT.
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